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AGAWAM MOTOR LODGE

Fixes done, but case continues

Town's lawsuit focuses on motel's emergency calls, lodging house permit

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After reaching a consensus that code violations have been full addressed, the Agawam Motor Lodge and town officials went to court last Friday to address the motel's classification and whether or not the motel is a nuisance.

Agawam Motor Lodge, owned by Chulho Yoo, is represented by West Springfield attorney Gerard DiSanti. He said Monday that all code violations found by the building inspector, health inspector and fire inspector were addressed within 30 days. He dismissed published reports that bed bugs and hypodermic needles are a major issue on the Suffield Street property. He also said the belief that the property is a nuisance is subjective.

"There have been 67 responses by the Fire Department for EMS services," said DiSanti. "People get sick. It is not a crime to call an ambulance."

He says the larger number of police calls are deceiving because very often, a police car accompanies any ambulance calls. "It's really not as many calls as

people think," said DiSanti.

The town is claiming the motel is a nuisance based on 184 police calls between Jan. 1 and June 30. Of those calls, 22 were for drug-related issues or domestic violence, 52 ambulance assists, and 25 disturbance calls. Two unattended deaths occurred at the motel.

In response to the number of arrests that have occurred, DiSanti contends the Police Department targets the motel because it checks into the guest log and often finds people with outstanding warrants. He says there are few incidents happening at the motel that are causing a police presence.

However, the parties did reach an agreement in court that will require visitors to the motel to be registered and present identification, and require visitors to leave by 10 p.m. The motel must be staffed around the clock, and security cameras should be installed and working at all times.

Town and motel attorneys also disagreed on whether the business is violating the law by taking in long-term lodgers.

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Wheel good times



At top, two-year-old Jacob Quimby enjoys a few minutes behind the wheel in the cab of an Agawam fire truck at National Night Out. At right, Dominic DiTomaso Sr., holds up his son Dominic, 3, so he can peer inside one of the Agawam Police Department's new SUV cruisers at the Aug. 4 event at School Street Park. Story and more photos, page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

TOWN CLERK

After 32 years, Theroux ready for next challenge

By Michael J. Ballway
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For the head of the office that tracks Agawam's vital statistics, here are a few about Richard Theroux: Town clerk for three town managers and three mayors, administrator of more than 75 elections and two redistrictings in 32 years on the job.

And it all ends in January.

"I know this will be very, very different for me," Theroux said Monday about his plans to leave office, but "it's time, here."

Theroux is quick to note that this isn't a retirement — he's taken a full-time job at Angelides Law Firm of Longmeadow, working in government relations for a practice that focuses on immigration law. He also plans to run for City Council as a candidate this November.

One of the attractions of the new job is its flexibility, Theroux said. Working away from the set hours of the clerk's office will give him more time to spend with his grown children Katie and Michael, his grandchildren, and



Town Clerk Richard Theroux plans to step down at the end of this year, after more than three decades in office. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

with two Springfield high schoolers whom he mentors.

It also means the first new town clerk in Agawam since the early years of the Reagan administration. The office has gone through several changes since 1983, including computerization, Theroux noted. In those days, the highest technology in the clerk's

office was a landline phone and a typewriter with carbon paper.

"We didn't even have a register," he said. "The money was kept in a drawer."

He's proud of his successes while in office: leading the committee that build the Agawam

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WALNUT ST. EXT.

Council, neighbors want action on contamination

DEP testing Games & Lanes site, Mayor says

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Agawam city councilors are looking for quicker results with the Games and Lanes property and voiced their concerns last Monday night at their regular meeting.

Mayor Richard Cohen said last Wednesday there is movement on the property and the town is working with the state Department of Environmental Protection to get the property placed on a priority list for action.

In addition, a remediation company is still interested in the property and is awaiting the results of a study being completed that will assess the current status of contaminants on the land.

"The town is working closely with Mass. DEP to define the extent of the contamination of the area caused by the former Standard Uniform Corporation

and the Games and Lanes site," Cohen's press release states.

Prior to Cohen's update, several members of the Agawam City Council made criticisms over the lack of activity. Some suggested the city council look at avenues for the council to take over the property and take some action.

The issue was first brought up by Councilor Robert Rossi. "We have done a lot of things to try and move this forward," said Rossi. "We approved funds for the study and gave the area the zone change they were seeking. The council should consider taking control."

Councilor Cecelia Calabrese offered a different perspective, saying she has talked with several business owners around the site.

"Something should really be done," said Calabrese. "We should not waste any more time. The place just keeps getting worse."

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Town election nominations close next Tuesday

By Michael J. Ballway
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With Town Clerk Richard Theroux announcing a bid for the City Council, there are now 19 potential nominees, but only eight were officially on the ballot at the start of this week.

The remaining 11 candidates — along with challengers for mayor and School Committee — have until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, to return their papers with signatures from at least 100 registered Agawam voters. Unless additional candidates emerge, the town will not require a preliminary election before the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general vote.

Mayor Richard Cohen has returned his nomination papers, but challenger William Clark had not yet done so by midday Tuesday, according to the clerk's office.

Incumbent councilors George Bitzas,

Cecilia Calabrese, Paul Cavallo, Joseph Mineo, Donald Rheault, Robert Rossi and Anthony Suffriti, and challenger Robert Magovern, had returned papers Tuesday. Incumbents James Cichetti, Christopher Johnson, Gina Letellier and Dennis Perry, and challengers Robert Alves, Michele Calvanese, John Cesan, Samuel DiSanti Jr., David Morin, Richard Theroux and Corinne Wingard had not yet.

On the School Committee, all six incumbents had returned papers by Tuesday: Anthony Bonavita, Roberta Doering, Diane Juzba, Carmino Mineo, Shelley Borgatti Reed and Wendy Rua. The one declared challenger, Brian Burbank, had not yet done so.

A preliminary election would be held Tuesday, Oct. 6, if there were more than twice as many nominees than available seats in any of the three races. That could occur if Clark returns his nomination papers and a

second mayoral challenger emerges before Tuesday evening; if all council candidates plus four additional challengers are nominated; or if Burbank and six more School Committee challengers turn in papers next week. The preliminary election's top two, 22 and 12 vote-getters, respectively, would then appear on the general election ballot in November.

The terms for mayor, city councilor and School Committee are all two years. Nomination papers are available at the clerk's office on the first floor of Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam. For more information, call 413-786-0400, ext. 8215.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, will be the last day for Agawam residents who are not yet registered to register to vote in time for the preliminary election, if necessary; Wednesday, Oct. 14, will be the last day to register for the general election. On both days, the town clerk's office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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With the last two editions of August to be mailed to every home in town, the Agawam Advertiser News asks readers and advertisers to be aware of early deadlines for the next two weeks.

Press releases, submitted photos and community news must be received by 8 a.m. Monday morning, Aug. 17, to be considered for inclusion in the Aug. 20 edition of the Advertiser News. News may be sent to Teri Machia at aan@turley.com. Machia can be reached at 413-786-7747, ext. 100. Editor Michael Ballway can be reached at 413-786-7747, ext. 102.

For businesses wishing to advertise in the Aug. 20 edition, which will reach every home in Agawam and Feeding Hills, the deadline to contact sales representative John Baskin is the end of the business day Friday, Aug. 14. Baskin can be reached at jbaskin@turley.com or 413-786-7747, ext. 101.

For the Aug. 27 edition of the paper, which includes the annual “back to school” supplement, the news deadline is Monday morning, Aug. 24, and the advertising deadline is Friday afternoon, Aug. 21.

Seminar to ‘turn clutter to cash’

The Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will host a 45-minutes free seminar titled “Turn Your Home’s Clutter Into Cash” at 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17.

Topics to be discussed will include how to understand and use Craigslist and eBay; getting rid of unused items using a “curb alert”; the best way to sell collectables; using a camera to help eliminate clutter; understanding estate sales; using home clean-out services; and more.

To register, call Raymond Rose at 413-530-2186 and leave a voicemail or email RaymondRose@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Bethany leads ‘Convoy’ of services, prayers this weekend

By Michael J. Ballway
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What if you took all the little acts of charity that a church does over the course of a year and gathered them together under a tent?

Multiply it by more than 70 churches and you have the Convoy of Hope, a regional social services fair and prayer meeting that organizers expect to draw a crowd of 10,000 this Saturday.

The event itself starts at 10 a.m. in Riverfront Park on West Columbus Avenue at the Memorial Bridge in Springfield, but it has deep connections with Bethany Assembly of God, including the head coordinator, Reggie Cole, and assistant coordinator, Deb Thompson, both being members of the Agawam church.

“What we’re doing here this Saturday is an outreach to give people hope,” said Cole. “It’s an outreach to try and help build their faith and keep them going. We’re going to be there to give them anything they need — any kind of medical need they need for that day, haircuts, portraits, shoes for their kids. [The] jobs and career services tent is second to none. We’re not only going to be teaching people to make resumes and giving out applications, we’re going to be giving people jobs. We’re going to be out there trying to help people for real, not just talking about what we can do.”

The medical services, the professional services, the retail items, all are donated, said David McCoy, assistant coordinator for media relations. More than \$1 million in business services will be available, including free lunch, groceries, eye examinations and glasses, dental cleanings, mammograms and immunizations, family portraits and clothes.

There will also be a bounce house for children, live entertainment and daylong prayer and worship.

Together with the more tangible benefits, Convoy of Hope also shows that there’s a community willing to support whoever needs it, Cole said. He recalled one woman, a mother of two, who told him at the 2013 event that she had woken up in the middle of the night at the end of her rope, intending to kill herself.



Convoy of Hope will be held again Saturday at Riverfront Park in Springfield. Pictured is the 2013 event. SUBMITTED PHOTO

“She went through her pocketbook to get one last cigarette, and came out with the flyer of Convoy of Hope, and got up that night and started dressing the kids and walked,” Cole said. “And walked at least 12 miles to get the site. And waited there early in the morning from 5 o’clock in the morning till we opened at 10, and went straight to the prayer tent and said we saved her life. Needless to say, her kids got haircuts and shoes, and she got groceries. [But] she got in and went straight for the prayer tent, and was there pretty much for the day. ... That’s the reason for Convoy of Hope, is people who come there to regain their hope and their life.”

Convoy of Hope is a worldwide organization, with events similar to Springfield’s taking place in cities across the United States. The organization, based in Missouri, also organizes aid for natural disasters around the world.

Western Massachusetts’ involvement with Convoy of Hope was born from an act of hate. On the night that Barack Obama was elected president in 2008, arsonists burnt the \$2.5 million Macedonia Church of God in Christ under construction on Tinkham Road in Springfield. Pastors from Bethany Assembly of God were part of a regional coalition of churches called Awake New England that formed to help Bishop Bryant Robinson Jr., the pastor of Macedonia, rebuild.

“They told him, we don’t know you, but you’re a brother,” said Cole. “That’s how all this formed.”

Awake New England, which was led by Bethany’s senior pastor, Richard Adams, decided to stay together and put on an event that would benefit the region as a whole. There had been a Convoy of Hope event in Springfield some 14 years ago, said Cole, and the group decided to bring it back.

The region’s second Convoy of Hope was two years ago, led largely by members of the Bethany congregation. This year’s team has more members from other churches, but Bethany still has a leading role.

The leadership team numbers about 50 people and has been working on the event for a year, said Thompson.

“We have amazing support all over,” said Cole. “We’ve had volunteers from the Cape, Rhode Island, Albany, Vermont, Connecticut, all over.”

McCoy said those volunteers are expected to number 2,000 to 3,000. Event organizers are still welcoming new volunteers. Anyone who wants to help out can attend a volunteer rally Friday night, at 6 p.m., at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam. Those who can’t make it to the rally should show up to the Convoy of Hope early — after 7:30 a.m. — and ask at the front gate for a volunteer task.

MOMS Club to meet Aug. 18

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The MOMS Club of West Springfield, also serving Agawam, Southwick and Westfield, will hold its monthly MOMS Mixer from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 18. It is held at the West Springfield Library, 511 Main St.

Moms are encouraged to bring the kids and escape from the rain or heat. At the Mommy Mixer, participants will get a sneak peek at the events planned for the reset of the summer as well as the opportunity to see September’s calendar.

The MOMS Club is a service-based, non-profit support group for the part-time, full-time stay-at-home mom. MOMS stands for Moms Offering Moms Support. The purpose is to provide support, activities and fun for moms and their children.

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OUR VIEW

Tax holiday critics miss the point

The radio is full of commercials advertising tax-free deals and legislators are boasting about how much money they'll be saving consumers, but the annual sales tax holiday, to be held this weekend, Aug. 15-16, is not without its critics. An article in the Boston Globe last month noted the objections raised by legislators — many of whom continue to vote for the holiday, because it's popular with businesses and voters — and independent think tanks. They say it only shifts spending, that people forego making big purchases earlier in the summer because they know the tax holiday is coming. They say that retailers reduce their discounts on tax holiday weekend, making the net effect to consumers' wallets a wash. They say the state can ill afford to give up even one weekend's worth of sales tax revenue.

They need to remember that it's our money. The \$25 million that the state does not take from us is \$25 million back in the pockets of Massachusetts residents, \$25 million that will probably be spent on discretionary items at other Massachusetts retailers.

Similarly, the concern about whether the consumer truly benefits — saving 6.25 percent off the retail price on tax-free weekend versus getting a 20 percent discount during a red-tag sale some other weekend — misses the point. For those retailers who don't offer discounts, the benefit of the sales tax holiday just shifts to the business, which itself is an employer and taxpayer.

As for shifting spending, the uncertain and haphazard way that the sales tax holiday is implemented in Massachusetts actually works in the state's favor. Massachusetts, unique among the states that offer a sales tax holiday, votes for it every year, usually less than a month in advance, as a one-time deal. It wasn't held in 2009, and there's never any assurance that it will be held next year.

Contrast that with neighboring Connecticut, where the sales tax holiday week — which applies to clothing and shoes only, items which are already tax-free all the time in Massachusetts — is written into the budget and traditionally occurs the third week in August. Consumers and retailers can be assured that it's on its way. This year, it's Aug. 16-22.

If anything, sales tax holidays make the taxation system fairer. The sales tax is a "regressive" tax, affecting lower-income people more than higher-income people, because the smaller one's income, the greater the proportion of income that is taken up by spending on non-luxury items. Any reduction in the sales tax, whether through a lowering of the rate or a temporary holiday, should have a disproportionate benefit for those who need help the most.

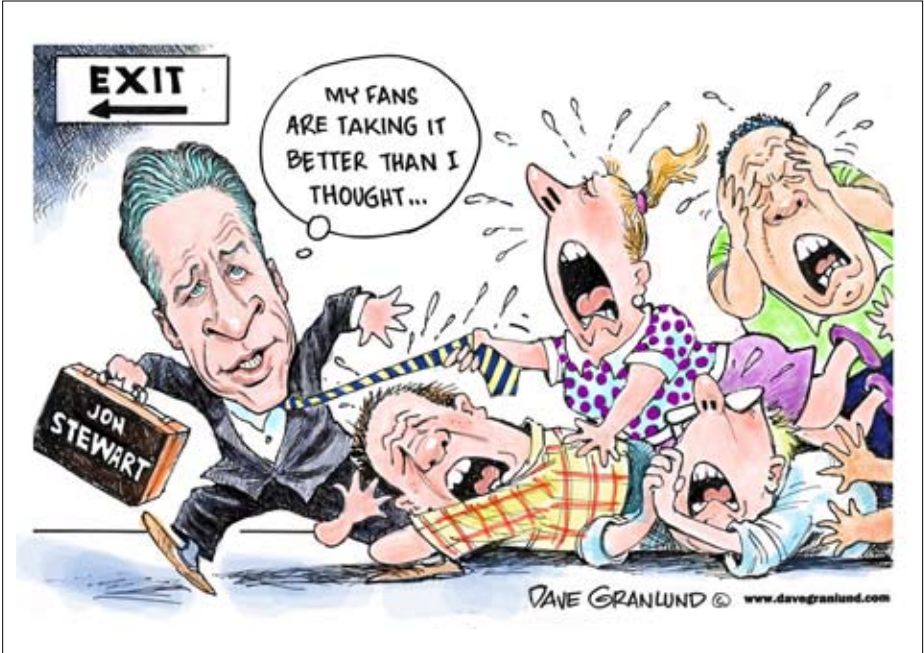
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Letters to the Editor

Police thank those who aided National Night Out

The Agawam Police Department, in conjunction with the Office of the Mayor, would like to thank our community partners for their support and participation with making Agawam's third annual National Night Out a success. The following is a list of our community partners that have either donated resources and/or their time: Mayor Richard Cohen; Chief Eric Gillis, Agawam Police Department; Chief Alan Sirois, Agawam Fire Department; Agawam Fire Department; Agawam Police Department Specials Police Force; Agawam Department of Public Works; Agawam Parks and Recreation Department; Agawam School Department; Agawam Emergency Management; Agawam Police D.A.R.E.; Agawam Addiction Resource Center; Agawam Advertiser News; Agawam Family and Community Program; Massachusetts Juvenile Probation Department, Springfield Juvenile Court Division; U.S. Marshal's Office, U.S. Marshall John Gibbons; Massachusetts

State Police; Hampden County Sheriff's Office; Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; United States Marines; United States Army; United States Navy; the Lions Club; the Rotary Club; the Shriners; Easthampton Savings Bank, Mrs. Sue DeVillier; Bethany Assembly of God; Republic Services; TNT Tent Rentals; Interstate Towing; Six Flags New England; YMCA of Greater Springfield; Let's Move, Mrs. Shelby Hall-Gibbons; Valley Green Shredding; Academy of Artistic Performance; Baystate Medical Center; Pastor Tim Reed, Bethany Assembly of God; the Young Marines; VetAir; Boston Medical Center; HealthNet Plan; The Q 99.7; Veteran's Council; The 413 Mom; Safe Kids; Rosie Robotics; Sgt. Christopher Sanchez, Massachusetts State Police; and Macaroni Kid.

Robert M. Burke
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Agawam Police Department

YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Letendre is French

Years ago you could sometimes tell by a person's last name if they were French, Italian, English, Polish, etc., but sometimes it didn't work. My sisters and I were nearly all French but our last name was English. From our backyard we could see the Tatro home on Elbert Road. Their son Glenn was a lot younger than most of the boys in the neighborhood but persisted in getting into our football games. In 1970, Glenn was a halfback on my soccer team. He went on to play at Berry College in Georgia where he learned roofing at a summer job. When he came back to town, we were doing Mrs. Brown's roof on Elm Street. After a few days of listening to Glenn complain about his girlfriend I suggested he go down to the SIS bank where his sister Paula worked. A very pretty teller there had no ring on her finger, so maybe he could get a date. Sure enough, at lunchtime Glenn took the challenge and got her number. They now live in North Carolina and are grandparents.

That was my first real contact with a Letendre offspring. Glenn's dad, Paul Tatro '40, married Lucille Letendre '41 and they had four other children, Paula, Thomas, Paul Jr. and Cindy.

In the early '70s, Lori Letendre '73 and Scott Letendre '75 were in my math class at AHS. They were children of Edward and Theresa Letendre of 338 North St., not far

from Letendre Avenue.

Around 1975, Glenn's "Uncle Leon" Letendre '49 was a customer in my dad's barber shop in Springfield and as he was getting his hair cut from my dad, he was telling the story of how the bishop was importing marble from Italy and spending lavishly in a few other areas. A waiting customer made the mistake of saying, "That's not true." Uncle Leon got out of the barber chair and growled, "Are you calling me a liar?" As you picture this, realize that Leon's nickname was "Horse."



Walt Willard



Leon Letendre



Audrey Letendre

You could barely get the barber hair cloth around his neck, something the other customer didn't realize. Needless to say, the guy waiting quickly decided that Leon was as truthful as George Washington. Uncle Leon was not someone you would want to step outside with.

Letendre Avenue and the end of it where it comes out on North Street were once loaded with Letendres. The Manning's 1955 suburban directory had seven Letendre families in that neighborhood. Besides Lucille, Leon, Scott and Lori, I was able to find these Letendres in AHS Sachers: Rita '41, Claire '42, Jeanne '44, Edward '45, Ellen '46, Kathy '49, Audrey '55, Richard '57, Timothy '59 and William '59. There may have been others who left school for World War II.

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Obituaries

Joseph A. Della-Giustina Sr., 92

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Joseph A. Della-Giustina Sr., 92, of Agawam, and Lake Worth, Fla., went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 4, 2015, at JFK Memorial Hospital, Lake Worth, Fla. He was born June 5, 1923, to Caterina Bianchi and Augustus Della-Giustina in their Loring Street home in Springfield.

Joe was known by the nickname "Skip" in the city's South End, where he grew up. Under the GI Bill he earned bachelor of science in accounting and master of education degrees from the American International College. He was an economics teaching fellow and member of the Zeta Chi Fraternity at the college. He also earned a CAGS from the University of Connecticut at Storrs, where he was enrolled in the doctoral program. He graduated from the High School of Commerce. As part of his U.S. Army education, he also studied at the University of Alabama and Manhattan College in New York.

On June 22, 2012, Joe became a chevalier (knight) when he received the French National Order of the Legion of Honor from French Consul General Christophe Guilhou. He was declared to be a World War II war hero in honor of landing at Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and fighting throughout France to liberate the country. He helped to free St. Lo and Cherbourg and was a minesweeper from there to Paris. He fought in Belgium and Germany, helping to build the pontoon bridge at Remagen and run a POW camp. Congressman Richard Neal, Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, and Springfield Veterans Director Thomas Belton participated in the ceremony. In 1992 he and his family retraced his World War II steps, finding the exact place he had landed at Omaha Beach, and reuniting with French friends from the war.

Joe was the first general manager of the Springfield Teachers Credit

Union. Previously, he was at the High School of Commerce in Springfield both as a guidance counselor and business math teacher. Earlier he taught in the Southwick public school system. He also taught business math and accounting for the evening sessions at Springfield Technical Community College.

He served as chairman of both the Agawam Board of Selectmen and School Committee. In 2012 he was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Agawam Democratic Town Committee. In 2003 he was chosen Italian of the Year by the Agawam Sister City Committee. He was a member of the Agawam City Charter Committee, which changed Agawam from a town to a city.

He was a founding member of the Agawam UNICO and chairman of its Scholarship Committee. He served as the town's first personnel director, ran the Agawam Adult Softball League and taught golf to youngsters through the Recreation Department. For years he served on the Democratic Town Committee and as a delegate to Democratic state conventions.

He was a member of the Agawam Senior Center, Chapter II, and enjoyed the bus trips to Mohegan Sun.

Before World War II, Joe manufactured rifles at the Springfield Armory, where he met his wife, Jennie Subotin. Their voyages took them and his family to Italy, Paris, the French Riviera, Normandy, the Netherlands, Germany, England, Canada, Mexico, and around the United States. He was an avid Red Sox fan since he was a young boy when he would jump the train to Fenway Park to watch Ted Williams play. He often talked about the Sox and meeting Williams years later. Peace issues, fairness, education, women and children's rights were his main concerns. He very much enjoyed his winter home in Florida.

His family thanks him for being

such a wonderful, loving father who was an inspiration to all who knew him. His spirit, generosity, and love for both Jesus and his family never diminished. Joe was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Jennie Subotin, who died in 2005. He is survived by their three children, Dr. Marsha Della-Giustina of Arlington, Dr. Jo-Ann Della Giustina of Plymouth, and Dr. Joseph Jr. and his wife Jacqueline of Palm Beach, Fla. He leaves one granddaughter, Joey Nicole Della-Giustina, who gave him a lot of joy and love, her fiancé Zachary Atkinson, and great-granddaughter Lailah Rayne, who all lived with him in Lake Worth.

Joe is also survived by his caregiver Verna Taylor. He relied on her daily to care for him, read him the Bible, and pray with him. He also leaves his last surviving sibling, Dr. Daniel Della-Giustina of Morgantown, W.Va. He was predeceased by his sister, Eleanor Papadakis of Holyoke, and Southington, Conn., and Dr. Victor Della-Giustina of Augusta, Ga. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Helen Lawrenchuk; and predeceased by sisters-in-law Zoafia Demko, Mary Gagliarducci, and brother-in-law Stanley Subotin, all of Agawam. Joe is survived by dear friends, especially Steven and Warren and the rest of the Miodowski family of Agawam, Brian Ahern of Springfield, many nieces, nephews, and beloved godchildren Dr. Kathryn Papadakis of Southington, Conn., John Della-Giustina of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Diana Subotin Ladden of Ludlow, Vt., and Ann Marie Phillips of Agawam.

His funeral service was conducted by a family friend whom Joe considered to be a "son," the Rev. Tom Crouse from the Cornerstone Church in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Aug. 11 at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Paul Newman's The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Fund, Dept. W, 555 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, CT 06511. For more information, please visit www.forastiere.com.

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Garvulenski, Edward W.
Died July 17, 2015
Services at the convenience of family
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home
West Springfield

Knowlton, Nancy M.
Died Aug. 6, 2015
Private services
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home
West Springfield

Lamson, George C.
Died Aug. 9, 2015
Private services
Agawam Funeral Home

Moore, Thomas A.
Died July 31, 2015
Funeral Aug. 6, 2015
Sampson Funeral Home
Springfield

Election coverage policies

The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes submitted statements from candidates and letters to the editor from town residents as part of its coverage of the 2015 town elections.

In order to ensure fairness for every candidate, all candidate statements will run in a special section to be printed Sept. 24. No candidate press releases will be printed in any other edition of the newspaper.

All candidates for mayor, City Council and School Committee are invited to submit a statement of up to 500 words, to include biographical and campaign platform details only — no attacks on other candidates, parties or groups, and no publicity for campaign appearances or fundraisers. Please include a headshot photograph for publication. Candidate statements and photographs may be sent to the editor at mballway@turley.com, faxed to 413-786-8457 or mailed or hand-delivered to Agawam Advertiser News, 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. The submission deadline is noon Wednesday, Sept. 16. For more information, call Managing Editor Michael J. Ballway at 413-786-7747.

In addition to the candidate statements, the newspaper will cover the election through staff-written stories about debates, controversies and political issues, where appropriate.

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The newspaper welcomes readers to participate in the campaign by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing specific candidates or discussing local campaign issues should be sent to Agawam Advertiser News, 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030, faxed to 413-786-8457 or emailed to aan@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No letters will be printed in the last week before the election (edition of Oct. 1, if there is a preliminary election; edition of Oct. 29, for the general election). For more information, call Michael J. Ballway or Teri Machia at 413-786-7747.

Edward W. Garvulenski Jr., 84

CHICOPEE — Edward W. Garvulenski, Jr., 84, passed away peacefully Friday, July 17, 2015, with his daughter by his side at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. Born in Agawam Oct. 31, 1930, to the late Edward W. and Mary (Niznik) Garvulenski Sr., Ed attended West Springfield High School and was a U.S. Navy veteran during the Korean War, serving on aircraft carriers.

He worked for Hamilton Standard in Connecticut for several years before



taking a position at the VA Hospital in Leeds as a vocational rehabilitation therapist until his retirement. Ed enjoyed spending his spare time fixing lawnmowers and other small machinery.

He leaves a son, Edward J. "Casey" Garvulenski of Grand Marsh, Wis.; a daughter, Donna Luciani of Easthampton; a grandson, Anthony Luciani of Agawam; a sister, Mary Elizabeth Gourinski of Enfield, Conn.; as well as several nieces, nephews,

their families and many friends. Ed was predeceased by his sister, Carol Girard; brothers-in-law, Lawrence Girard and Edward Gourinski; and daughter-in-law, Theresa Garvulenski. The family would like to thank everyone who helped with Ed's care since he was ill.

All services are at the convenience of the family at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. The Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to the Holyoke Soldiers Home or the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield.

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Lucille and Leon's grandfather Edward had six children — their dad Adam, Silvio, Albert, Joseph, Blanche and Annette. Many of us knew Annette, who was the mother of Jim, Tom and Gerry O'Keefe.

The '55 Manning's had Edward's last name as Le Tendre using a capital T. A call to my granddaughter Olivia ensued and she looked up tendre in

her French dictionary, which she will be using in September when she takes French in our seventh grade. She had trouble at first and realized she was in the "American" section. Then she found tendre, a French noun meaning tenderness. We pronounce Letendre as Luh - tender. Denise Wheeler, Jean Gaudreau and Charlotte Venturini can tell you how a Frenchman would say it.

Last week, Glenn's sister Cindy

was getting her mail on Letendre Avenue as I drove by. She's in the Letendre family tree, living on Letendre Avenue. Where are the rest? (Audrey Letendre '55 helped with the Letendre information.)

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

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Agawam Associate Solicitor Patrick Toney claims the motel has been acting as an R2 business, providing non-transient housing for more than 30 days to individuals, but the motel is only permitted for R1 housing, which is for transients up to 30 days.

DiSanti says his research of Massachusetts law tells him different. He said the motel was built in 1962 and predated zoning. "The motel actually has no classification," said DiSanti. "They have never had any classification, ever."

He further stated Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, section 7, provides the town only 10 years to take action on a classification issue.

"There are people that have been living at the motel as residents for 14 years

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Councilors Joseph Mineo, Dennis Perry, and Paul Cavallo also expressed concerns about the property.

Cohen says though the site does not look active, there are studies being performed and the DEP is monitoring testing results along with Site Redevelopment Technologies, a Brookline-based company that cleans up properties with environmental hazards and sells them for development.

"Redevelopment is tied directly to the environmental testing results," Cohen said. "We hope this next round of testing will produce acceptable level of contaminant, and thus, be the final round of testing so we can get shovels in the ground in short order.

He said the DEP ordered more testing to see how far the contaminants have spread beyond the Games and Lanes property. Any person that takes over the property would be responsible for clean-up on other

or more," said DiSanti. "I don't believe the town has the right to do anything."

Toney says the town will fight any ruling that does not require the motel to update its permitted classification.

The motel has been under scrutiny since early June, when reports of unsanitary conditions led the town to conduct inspections. After viewing all the information, the town filed a lawsuit in Western District Housing Court in Springfield seeking to have the Agawam Motor Lodge shut down and be either torn down or have a full repair plan submitted to the town. Town officials also sought to have the motel placed in a receivership to carry out one of the plans.

DiSanti contends Yoo has done everything possible to cooperate with the town.

The case has been continued until a case management hearing next month.

properties if contaminants have spread. Agawam is on the DEP's priority list to get testing completed.

"Remediating and redeveloping all Walnut Street Extension, including Games and Lanes, is our top priority," Cohen said. "And we will continue to work with Mass. DEP until the extent of the contamination is known to their satisfaction."

Councilor James Cichetti, who works in real estate, says the council needs to be patient.

"These studies can take a long time," said Cichetti. "They can be as long as 18 months to two years." Cichetti says while action is needed to clean up the site, the town taking over the property is not the way to go.

"The town should be getting involved in buying and selling real estate," said Cichetti. If the town did take control of the property, it would become responsible for the cost of cleaning up the contaminants of the property.

CLERK
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Senior Center, and seeing his former neighbors and teachers enjoying it; serving as the town's representative to the Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority and, as chairman of the board, helping to turn it around; organizing and standardizing the town's municipal code; installing electronic voting machines and running each of his dozens of elections and recounts without problems; and working with the Western Massachusetts City and Town Clerks' Association and the state Legislature to make voter registration more accessible. He only wishes the state would have gone farther and adopted same-day registration.

Theroux is also proud of the little accomplishments that may have impacted just one family. He said he always gets at least one call during wedding season on a Saturday morning from a father of the bride who's just realizing that nobody picked up the marriage license during the previous week.

"Luckily, I live close by," Theroux said. "I'm going to miss those types of calls, because that's what we're here to do, help people."

Though he's stepping down from a full-time job at Town Hall, Theroux hopes the voters will let him continue to serve — as a city councilor.

"I don't think my time with town government is over," Theroux said. "I still believe I have something to offer."

It would be a return to the City Council for Theroux, who was elected at age 19 on the town's first-ever council ballot in 1971. He served six terms on the City Council, four of them as council president, before being appointed town clerk. Before joining the council, he served one year as an elected Town Meeting member, under Agawam's previous form of government.

He said his experience as an elected official influenced the way he approached his job as town clerk. He noted the work he did on the Senior Center and his current service on the committee to improve the athletic facilities at Agawam High School

— hardly the core responsibilities of a town clerk.

"I was always a department head that didn't want to do just my job," Theroux said.

Mayor Richard Cohen said Theroux was "very helpful" to him when he took office in the 1990s.

"He has a keen sense of government and how it works at the national, state and local level," Cohen said. "He was certainly instrumental in guiding me when I first came in and helping me, and he still has a plethora of knowledge."

Even after several terms in office, Cohen still considers Theroux a trusted advisor.

"That doesn't mean we always agree — we don't, and he's not a yes-man," Cohen said. "He was always able to bring all the points for and against an issue, so that I could then make a sound judgment call and decision. He was a wonderful member of my team."

As Theroux prepares to make his bid for a return to the council, he said he has already spoken with the state Ethics Commission about potential conflicts of interest. Other members of the clerk's office will run the November election, he said.

A graduate of Agawam schools and Western New England College, Theroux worked as a history and government teacher at Springfield city schools and Springfield Technical Community College before taking the town clerk job in Agawam. His new role at the law firm does not require a law degree.

He remembers his childhood on Woodside Drive fondly.

"Agawam was a great place to grow up in the '60s and '70s," he said. "My neighborhood was everything and my neighborhood friends were everything."

Theroux said this was the third time in the past decade that he was been recruited to leave Agawam. In 2005, the mayor of Springfield asked him to take the city clerk's job; Theroux turned it down, in part, because a residency requirement would have forced him to move out of Agawam. After the Senior Center was built, the architects, Reinhardt Associates,

invited Theroux to take a job with them; he opted to stay on as town clerk, although he also did some work for Reinhardt as a consultant.

Cohen said Theroux is currently the longest-serving department head at Town Hall. Before she retired earlier this year, Town Planner Deborah Dachos had also served more than three decades as a department head.

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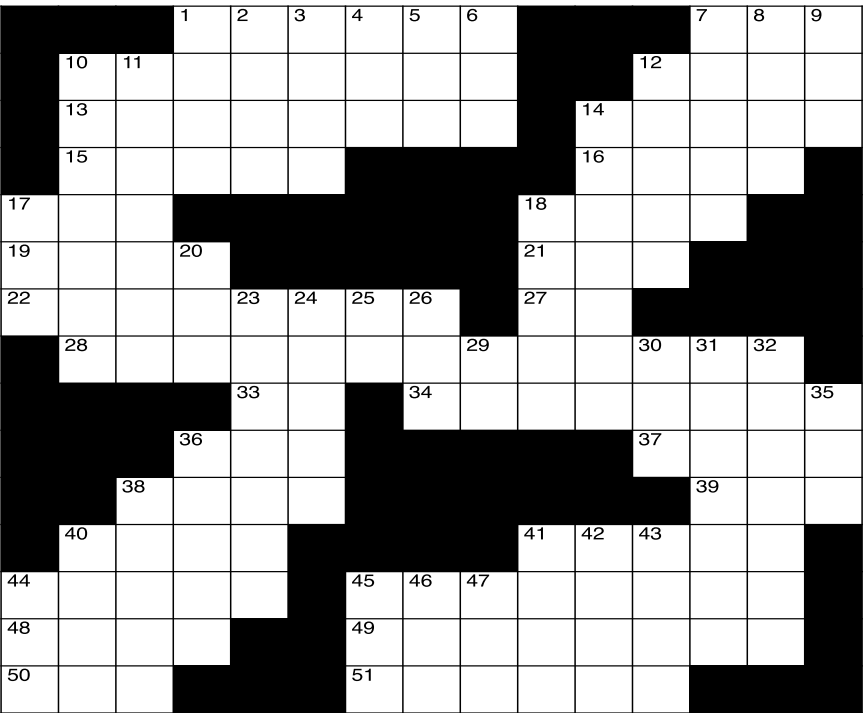
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CLUES DOWN

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 2. Vestments

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 4. Japanese apricot
 5. They ____
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 7. Arad river
 8. Lined up one beside another
 9. Diego, Francisco or Anselmo
 10. One who analyzes metals
 11. To that place
 12. Expressed pleasure
 14. Fills with horror
 17. Find a sum
 18. Cognizant
 20. Female making debut in society
 23. Members of U.S. Navy
 24. A group of three
 25. And, Latin
 26. Fall back time
 29. What was that?
 30. Inches per minute (abbr.)
 31. American/Canadian falls
 32. North Palestine region
 35. Bird beak
 36. Manila hemp
 38. Smart
 40. Three-banded armadillo
 41. Short cloak
 42. Scops owl genus
 43. 100 = 1 afghani
 44. A health resort
 45. Equal, prefix
 46. Microgram
 47. Make imperfect

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 396 calls for service from Aug. 4 to Aug. 10. The department made 5 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Hang Lin, 32, of 340 Springfield St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation and failure to stop or yield.
A juvenile from Springfield was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and assault and battery.

Friday, Aug. 7

Steven W. Sosnowich, 49, of 283 Rowley St., Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Monday, Aug. 10

Christy J. Marshall, 37, of 685 Elm St., 3rd floor, West Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear, possession of a Class A drug, and possession of a Class B drug.
Keith J. Bissailon, 36, of 47 Bradford Drive, Apt. 3F, West Springfield, was arrested on three default warrants, possession of a Class B drug, and operating a motor vehicle with license suspended subsequent offense.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 78 EMS calls for Aug. 4 to Aug. 10, and the following emergency response calls.

On Aug. 4 at 7:16 a.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.
On Aug. 4 at 8:36 a.m., the department responded to Highland Street for service call, other.
On Aug. 4 at 3:45 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.
On Aug. 4 at 11:22 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.
On Aug. 5 at 12:30 p.m., the department responded to Colemore Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.
On Aug. 5 at 7:09 p.m., the department responded to Fernwood Drive for public service assistance, other.
On Aug. 6 at 8:23 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.
On Aug. 7 at 6:18 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for false alarm or false call, other.
On Aug. 7 at 1 p.m., the department responded to Main Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.
On Aug. 7 at 9:54 p.m., the department responded to Silver Street for service call, other.
On Aug. 8 at 3:56 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.
On Aug. 8 at 11:33 a.m., the department responded

to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
On Aug. 8 at 3:29 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street, no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.
On Aug. 8 at 4:26 p.m., the department responded to Marlene Drive for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.
On Aug. 8 at 5:03 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
On Aug. 8 at 9:57 p.m., the department responded to Liberty Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.
On Aug. 9 at 10:49 a.m., the department responded to South End Bridge Circle for good intent call, other.
On Aug. 9 at 1:55 p.m., the department responded to Mansion Woods Drive to assist invalid.
On Aug. 10 at 9:05 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for public service assistance, other.
On Aug. 10 at 10:31 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional.
On Aug. 10 at 5:40 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for sprinkler activation due to malfunction.
On Aug. 10 at 7:26 p.m., the department responded to North West Street for citizen complaint.
On Aug. 10 at 7:36 p.m., the department responded to North Street for forest, woods or wildland fire.

Council may seek ordinance for Special Police

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Objections from the police officers' unions could scuttle a proposed compromise on the Special Police retirement age.
At a July 28 meeting of the Agawam City Council's Legislative Subcommittee, councilors continued to spar over a second proposal to allow special police officers to work past age 65, which is the current mandatory retirement age for all police officers. Some communities have sought special legislation from the state government to allow auxiliary officers, similar to the part-time Special Police in Agawam, to work until age 70.

The council turned down a proposal for Special Police officers to work until age 70 almost three months ago. In the interest of compromise, Mayor Richard Cohen lowered the age extension to 68, but councilors were still not satisfied.

Council President Christopher Johnson attended the meeting and said he will not support any proposal that extends the retirement age of Special Police officers if they retain full police powers. He said he would support legislation that limited special officers over 65 to only serve on traffic details.

In response to a comment made by a Special Police officer at the meeting, Johnson said he was not against allowing special officers to carry a firearm.

Johnson also suggested the City Council contact the town's law department to inquire if the council could restrict Special Police's duties through an ordinance, rather than going through the process of requesting special legislation from Beacon Hill.

Special Police officers attending the subcommittee meeting said limiting their powers and duties could be a violation of the union contract, and would be difficult

to enforce.
Because of that, approval of legislation at the state level would also prove difficult, Councilor James Cichetti said.
Councilor George Bitzas said he favored the compromise of going to an ordinance instead of pursuing the special legislation avenue.
"I think it is a good compromise," said Bitzas. "But we should seek the special legislation if we cannot do the ordinance."
Johnson also aired other concerns with the proposed special legislation.
"The legislation requires the mayor to hire all retirees that want to work," said Johnson. "Also, the mayor is the appointing authority, but he is not allowed to discipline officers without the approval of the chief. That does not make sense if the mayor is the appointing authority."
Councilor Robert Rossi, a retired police officer, continued to voice his disapproval for the entire proposal.
He said the state law is specific about requiring police officers to retire at age 65.
"Do you think the criminals are getting older?" said Rossi. "They are getting younger. Look at the statistics on people over age 65."
Bitzas countered, saying he believes officers should be able to work if they are able to pass a physical.
On Aug. 3 at the regular council meeting, the resolution for special legislation was tabled to await a response from the Law Department.
Councilor Donald Rheault expressed his displeasure over the fact the resolution is still on the council agenda and called for it to be voted down and removed from the agenda at the first meeting in September.
"This was already turned down once by this council 7-3," said Rheault. "I think there are other matters that need attention and we are wasting time and resources on this."



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Students in grades 1-12 in Agawam will return to classes Thursday, Sept. 3, with the last day of school projected to be between June 16 and 23, 2016.

Kindergarten and preschool orientation will be held Sept. 8 and 9, with regular sessions beginning Sept. 10.

School holidays for 2015-16 include Labor Day, Sept. 7; Columbus Day, Oct. 12; Election Day, Nov. 3; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 26-27 (half-day Nov. 25); Christmas Break, Dec. 24 to Jan. 1 (half-day Dec. 23); Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18; Presidents Day and Winter Vacation, Feb. 15-19; Good Friday, March 25; Patriots Day and Spring Vacation, April 18-22; and Memorial Day, May 30.

In addition to the days before Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, half-days will be held Oct. 6, Dec. 3 and March 2. The last day of school will also be a half-day.

Back-to-School nights are scheduled for the Early Childhood Center, Oct. 14; elementary schools, Sept. 10; Doering School, Sept. 9; junior high school, Sept. 17; and high school, Sept. 16.

The last day of school is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2016. Up to five school days are built into the calendar to make up for cancellations; if all five of these days are needed, the last day of classes will be Thursday, June 23.

Teachers will return Tuesday, Sept. 1, for two days of professional development and preparation time.

For more information about the upcoming school year, see the School Department's annual back-to-school special section in the Aug. 27 Agawam Advertiser News.

Editor's note: This item ran in last week's newspaper with the wrong date in the headline. Sept. 3 is the correct date.

Dancing, music programs at library

The Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., will host the following late summer children's programs.

Dancing Heroes: Thursday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m. for children ages 4-6; Monday, Aug., 31 at 6 p.m. for children ages 6-10. Includes ballet stories and a mini ballet lesson. Socks or dance shoes are required to participate. Presented by Mary Ann Studio of Dance.

Music Together With Rachel: Friday, Sept. 4, at 10:30 a.m. for children from birth to age 6 with an adult. Presented by Music Together of Greater Springfield.

Registration is required for these programs and may be done at agawamlibrary.org or by calling the children's desk at 413-789-1550, ext. 3

Doering School parent orientation is Aug. 27

The Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam, will conduct its second grade 5 orientation for parents and guardians on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The purpose of this event is to outline school policies and procedures prior to the first day of school. Additionally, "Back to School

Night" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, beginning in the school auditorium with a brief discussion concerning policies and procedures, and ending with meetings with teachers.

Because students attended orientation in June, it is advised that they do not attend either event, due to space constraints.

Gala, golf, bowling to benefit Y teen programs

The YMCA of Greater Springfield will host a gala and auction, golf outing and afternoon of bowling during its CommUNITY Classic Weekend, Aug. 21-23.

The three events will benefit teen programs throughout the 14 towns and cities, including Agawam, served by the Springfield Y.

The weekend begins with a Red Carpet Soiree and Auction at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. This gala includes live and silent auctions, a band and DJ for dancing, and presentations by YMCA teens. The cost is \$50 per person. Tickets are available at all YMCA of Greater Springfield locations, including the Agawam YMCA Wellness and Program Family Center at 63 Springfield St., Agawam.

On Saturday, the Y will host a golf outing with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Westover Municipal Golf Course, 181 South St., Granby, Mass. Registration is \$150 per person or \$600 per foursome and includes breakfast, buffet lunch, a live auction and exciting contests.

On Sunday, all are invited to test their bowling skills 12-4 p.m. at AMF Chicopee Lanes, 291 Burnett Road, Chicopee. Signup fee of \$15 per person, or \$45 for a family of four, includes lunch and a souvenir gift. There will also be a chance to win raffle prizes and other fun activities.

CommUNITY Classic Weekend is sponsored by Big Y, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and former NBA star Travis Best.

Countdown to Kindergarten events this month

The first day of kindergarten can be filled with joy and reservation. The Agawam Family and Community Program will host the following free events to help children prepare for their big day.

Kindergarten Parent Café: Tuesday, Aug. 25, 6:30-8 p.m. Whether it's a parent's first or last child heading off to kindergarten, this time can be exciting, nerve-racking and emotional all at once. Entering school starts a new chapter for both children and parents and guardians. Topics will include first day tears and cheers. Attendees will learn some tricks from veteran parents and make new connections. This event will take place at the Agawam Senior Center dining room, 954 Main St.

Kindergarten Socials: Thursday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Clifford Granger School and Robinson Park School, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at James Clark School and Benjamin Phelps School. Parents and guardians are invited to bring students for a fun story time and a chance to make some new friends. Each student will leave with a new book courtesy of the Agawam Family and Community Program. This event is offered to Agawam students entering kindergarten in September.

All event information is available at www.agawampublicschools.org under "Special Interests."

Maze Days, orientation at Jr. High are Aug. 25

Agawam Junior High School will host its orientation night for incoming seventh graders and eighth graders new to the school from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the school's auditorium at 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Orientation night is open to all students who will be attending AJHS for the first time this fall, and their parents or guardians. Prior to the orientation meeting, "Maze Days" will take place from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. These are flexible times and parents and students are not required to attend the entire time.

During the Maze, those in attendance will receive and complete important paperwork, sign up for school activities and clubs and get more information regarding particular programs offered at AJHS.

In addition, the PTO will also be on hand to provide information on upcoming events and activities being offered to the students, as well as to get input and ideas to be shared with the school and student body. After completing the Maze Days paperwork, students will be provided their homeroom (first period) team assignments for the upcoming school year. The process should not take more than 45 minutes to complete. The packet is also available in advance at the school's website at www.agawampublicschools.org. It may be completed and turned in just before going to the orientation meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Maze Days for returning eighth-grade students will be held 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the cafeteria. Any seventh-grade or new eighth-grade family that is not able to attend on Tuesday scheduled date is welcome to attend on this date.

Legals

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COMMISSION

The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at **7:00 PM on Monday, August 24, 2015**, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 551 Main Street which comes under the Town of Agawam's Demolition Delay Ordinance.

By Order of **David Cecchi**,
Chairman
AGAWAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Faith on Fire returns for 3rd year of healing, inspiration

By Michael J. Ballway
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Miracles are still happening, and they're expecting a few next week in Feeding Hills at the corner of Springfield and Mill streets.

"We've had some awesome healings," said Jean Raczkowski, the pastoral minister at Sacred Heart Church and the organizer of Faith on Fire, the Catholic rally that returns for a third year on Aug. 20-21.

The centerpiece of the event is the laying on of hands and prayers for healing, along with testimony from witnesses to the healing power of prayer and faith.

Raczkowski said a rally like Faith on Fire reminds people that miracles, and the real presence of God, are not some long-ago event that's disappeared from the modern world.

"It's almost like, 'Christ was then' — but he is today what he's always been," she said. "Something like Faith on Fire revives that belief. People are looking for miracles. They're looking to reconnect with Christ."

Faith on Fire will be held in the fields behind the church 6-9 p.m. next Thursday and Friday, Aug. 20-21. Admission is free; a voluntary offering will be taken both nights.

Organizers are pretty sure they've seen some minor miracles in the weather, the past two years. Raczkowski recounted how the field was infested with mosquitoes during Wednesday setup the first year, but on Thursday when Faith on Fire opened to the public, the only thing in the air was a cool breeze. Then, last year, the region suffered from rainstorms everywhere — but only a light misting at Sacred Heart Church.

This year's event will include speeches



Jean Raczkowski stands in the field behind Sacred Heart Church that will be transformed into a tent city during Faith on Fire next week. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

from Catholic leaders such as the Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, bishop of Springfield, the Rev. Anthony Gramlich, head of the Springfield Diocese's Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the Rev. Matt Alcombright of St. Thomas the Apostle in West Springfield and Deacon Dave Przybylowski of Our Lady of the Lake in Southwick. Also on the program are the testimony of witnesses who were healed by prayer, a Eucharistic procession and an invitation to the sacrament of reconciliation.

It's not the stereotypical Catholic confession with musty air and dark wood paneling. For Faith on Fire, the priests and the faithful sit outside with a beach um-

brella turned sideways to act as a screen.

"We have people who have been away from confession for 30, 40 years go to confession because it's just so different," said Raczkowski.

Throughout there will be worship music, including performances by a youth band consisting of groups led by Joe Dzioc of St. Stanislaus in Chicopee, and Tom Rucio of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Westfield.

Friends and members of the Lions Club will run a grill and concession stand, and the St. Martha's Guild will have snacks, ice cream and fried dough available for purchase. There will be a shop with religious

gifts for sale. Families are invited to bring chairs and blankets, as well as balls or toys for young children to entertain themselves on the fields.

Raczkowski said she first envisioned Faith on Fire when she took the job at Sacred Heart five years ago. She remembers attending a Catholic Fire Rally in the 1980s and when she saw the 17 acres of fields behind Sacred Heart, all she could think of was re-creating that inspiring atmosphere. She credits the Rev. Steven Amo, pastor of Sacred Heart, with pushing for the first rally two years ago.

"When the time was right, he's the one who proposed it at the Parish Council meeting," she said.

Planning the event takes a group of 25-30 people, of whom about a dozen are from Sacred Heart. Raczkowski said there will be some 100-120 volunteers at the event.

Last year, 300 to 400 people attended each night, and Raczkowski hopes the event will grow as the word gets out.

"This is open to everybody — you don't have to be Catholic to come," said Raczkowski. "It's about praising God under the stars. When you look out on the field and there's people singing and praising the Lord, that's beautiful."

Faith on Fire is supported by Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield and the 10 parishes of the Hampden West Deanery, which serve Catholics in Agawam, Russell, Southwick, West Springfield and Westfield. The Rev. Brian McGrath, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish on Main Street in Agawam, serves as the dean.

For more information, call Raczkowski at the church at 413-786-8200, ext. 3, or email j.raczkowski@sacredheartfeedinghills.org.

St. John's to take Christmas season trips

Monday, Nov. 30: St. John's Travelers will host a bus trip to the Williams Inn in Willamstown for "A Victorian Christmas." Those in attendance will be welcomed by the Beefeater Guards in the lobby and the traditional Yule Log will be lit in the old English tradition.

A buffet lunch will be followed by songs of the season as well as tunes from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Guests will then share a cup of hot wassail and the traditional wassail toast for "good lunch, good health and good cheer."

Cost is \$90 per person and includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet, cabaret-style holiday show, Yule Log celebration, hot wassail, a visit to the gift shop and the driver gratuity.

The bus will depart from St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam at 10:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 4 p.m. For reservations, call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

Sunday, Dec. 6: A bus trip to the Land-

mark Community Theatre at Thomaston Opera House in Thomaston, Conn. for a showing of the Big Band holiday musical, "The 1940s Radio Hour," is scheduled.

With 1940s music, dancing and old-time sound effects, the play portrays the final holiday broadcast of the Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade on the New York radio station WOV in December 1942. The musical captures the holiday mayhem as the harassed producer copes with a drunk lead singer, the delivery boy who wants a chance in front of the mike, the second banana who dreams of singing a ballad, and the trumpet-playing sound effects man who chooses a fighter plane over Glenn Miller.

Cost is \$85 per person and includes roundtrip motor coach, lunch at the Black Rock Restaurant, reserved seats for the matinee performance and driver gratuity.

The bus will depart from St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam at 10:30 a.m. and will return at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

Turnverein hosts beer, music fest

The Springfield Turnverein, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold "Bierfest 2015" Friday and Saturday, Aug. 21 and 22.

Entertainment will be on provided on Friday by the Knightwatch Band, a four-man rock 'n' roll band, 8-11 p.m. There will be a DJ on Friday and Sat-

urday from 5-8 p.m. as well as karaoke from 8 p.m. to midnight. On Saturday, Orange Crush will perform.

Cost is \$5 per person and free for children 10 and under. Free parking is available.

For more information, call 413-786-0924.

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Onlookers watch as Agawam firefighters use Jaws of Life tools to carefully tear apart an old Honda sedan to demonstrate how they use the tools to extricate accident victims.



Agawam residents Jon and Melinda Elwell — along with their four children, from left, Madeline, 9, Wyatt, 3, Owen, 7, and Ben-Ben, 5 — watch a tow truck from Interstate Towing lift a 10,000-pound pickup truck.

Huge turnout for ‘impressive’ National Night Out

By Mike Lydick
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Jon Elwell watched the boom attached to a large tow truck effortlessly lift a 10,000-pound Ford pickup off the ground and high into the air as if it were a toy truck. He thought it would make a great physics lesson for students he teaches.

His four kids, however, saw it a bit differently. To them, the demonstration by Interstate Towing at Agawam’s annual National Night Out was simply “awesome.”

The eighth-grade science teacher at Agawam Junior High School and his wife Melinda brought their kids — who range in age from 3 to 9 years old — to the annual public safety event for the first time to see the various emergency services on display.

“We wanted to make our kids more aware of what these people do,” he said. “There are a lot of people here from Agawam and the state showing off the work they do.”

Added Melinda Elwell, “It’s great to have this family-friendly event in Agawam. Nice to see all the emergency people talking with the kids about what they do so the kids feel safer.”

The Elwell family was among a record crowd that turned

out for Agawam’s third annual Night Out on Aug. 4. Sponsored by the Agawam Police Department, the event’s goal is to promote police-community partnerships and build neighborhood camaraderie.

Comparable to an old-fashioned neighborhood block party, the free 2 1/2-hour evening event at School Street Park featured crime prevention information, demonstrations by public safety agencies as well as lots of music, food, and festivities.

‘Packed from the start’

Agawam Police Officer Robert Burke, who organized the event, estimated that more than 1,000 people came out for Night Out — more than double the number that attended the previous two years’ editions.

“It was packed right from the start,” he said. “It was a huge success. Thankfully, all the storms went around Agawam that night, so we didn’t have to cancel. Without the people who come to the event, it wouldn’t be as successful as it is.”

Many people came early to check out the displays and catch some demonstrations — such as one by the Massa-



Ryan La Fountain, 16, examines some of the firefighting gear carried by an Agawam fire truck parked at National Night Out.



Massachusetts State Police K-9 officers Mike Chapdelaine, with dog, and Matt Baird demonstrated the effectiveness of using dogs trained to assist police officers. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



An Agawam police officer ties a balloon promoting National Night Out to the wrist of five-year-old Haylee Marsil.



Agawam resident Maria Bruneau and her daughter Lillianna, 8, listen as Rich LaTour explains some of the functions of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency’s new emergency operations center trailer.



Agawam firefighter-paramedic Renee Petrone talks with youngsters about some of the medical equipment inside the Agawam Fire Department’s new ambulance.



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SPORTS

GOLF

Another Godek on the course

Ties for fifth at Crestview event

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – After getting edged out of the state tournament match last year, Matteo Godek has made an impact on the Agawam High School golf team.

Now, his sister is hoping to make a similar impact and burst on the scene.

On Monday morning, Alia Godek was among several female golfers that took part in an 18-hole junior invitational tournament put on by the Connecticut section of the Professional Golf Association.

Godek got to play on her “home course” at Crestview Country Club and tied for fifth place in the age 13 to 15 division.

She was able to card a 98, saying she had a pretty tough afternoon and acknowledged that Crestview is a very difficult course.

She had one of the earlier tee times and had a difficult first half of her round, but did much better on the back nine. In her final eight holes, she was able to card five bogeys and three pars.

For a younger player, Godek said getting single bogeys is a goal as she works to improve at putting and other aspects of her game. She plans to try out for Agawam High School’s varsity team this fall and hopes to be playing alongside her brother this season.

“I’m really excited to get a chance to compete with my brother,” said Godek.

Godek said she started getting serious about golf about four years ago, and has been playing

regularly ever since. She does play other sports, and says she will try out for girls tennis in the spring.

The idea of competing against boys does not intimidate her about the upcoming fall season. She is used to it.

“When I started playing golf, I usually was playing with my brother in his friends,” said Godek. “It’s really more of a challenge and it helps me to get better at it.”

Godek has been stepping up her game as the summer has gone on. She’s been especially busy during the past week. She participated in the Crestview Tournament Monday, and is booked to also be in a tournament at The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick.

The tournament at The Ranch is also a stop along with the Connecticut Junior PGA tour.

Tryouts for high school golf will be starting up in about two weeks.

In the age 16-18 division, Palmer standout Emma McCloskey was the winner of the division with Taylor Sanborn, of Wilbraham, placing fourth.

McCloskey carded an 85 for the day. She had a great first half of the day, hitting par on seven of the first nine holes. But she struggled in the back nine with seven of nine bogeys. However, she played well enough to win by a five-stroke advantage.

Sanborn carded a 106. She had a tough start, but improved as the day went on. She parred the 12th hole.

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Alia Godek practices her putting on the green. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

GOLF

Locals warm up for fall season

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM – The Connecticut section of the Professional Golf Association held a local tournament Monday at Crestview Country Club, one of the homes of the Agawam High School varsity golf team.

Some members of the golf team as well as a few hopefuls took part in the tournament, and had a pretty decent day at the difficult par-72 course.

The leading local player was Matteo Godek, of Feeding Hills. He finished in an eighth-place tie with a plus-10 performance of 18.

Godek was a victim of circumstance at the end of last season when he was left out of the state championship match. He appealed to be included after another player was alleged to be ineligible to compete. The appeal was denied and despite a great performance, Godek was left out.

At Crestview, where Agawam competes at least five times a year, Godek had a bit of a tough time on the front nine of the course before having a better time on the back nine.

He started out the day with a plus-eight performance. He bogeyed on five holes, including a struggle on the seventh hole. On the back nine, however, he fin-

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BASEBALL

Levesque helps Cardinals to U13 championship

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - The baseball fields in town were busy with this past week as teams from around the area came together to play in the 14th Annual Lou Casagrande Tournament. The Western Mass Cardinals won it all in the U13 age group. Griffin Levesque was on that team and he scored a big run in their victory.

Both teams battled throughout with each scoring two in the first and one in the second. The Cardinals seemingly took a commanding lead of 8-3 when they scored three in the third and two in the fourth, but the Sharks came night back in the fifth with a four spot to make it a game. But that was as close as they would get.

Chicopee opened the game with two in the first as the first two hitters singled. A stolen base and that second hit produced the

first run. The second came home on a sacrifice fly after a fielder’s choice.

The Cardinals got those two back quite quickly. A leadoff single by Levesque got them going. He stole second and third and scored on a two out single. That was followed by a double and the game was tied.

A walk started the second for the Sharks and that runner stole second before another walk and a double steal. A fielder’s choice got the runner home. The Cardinals tied it again on two singles and a fielder’s choice.

The Sharks went in order in the third and then the Cardinals went to work. They scored three times in the third, getting four singles and one batter reaching on an error. Western Mass added two more in the fourth with a single and double. Both hits became



Infielder Griffin Levesque, of Agawam, throws the ball to first base. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOD.COM

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SOCCER

Hendrickson helps rescue ‘B’ squad

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – About four or five years ago, an Agawam B team entered the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League and had a really rough summer.

The B team was discontinued, but one parent and longtime coach decided to bring back the B squad a couple of years ago.

David Hendrickson, a mathematics teacher and father of two players in the Agawam High School junior varsity and varsity programs, found there was not a place to play for many of the incoming freshmen and freshmen advance to either junior varsity or varsity status.

“They were being told at the spring meeting that they would not be able to play this summer,” said Hendrickson, who wanted to see those players, like his son, get touches prior to tryouts.

Hendrickson approached the Agawam Soccer Booster Club, as well as communicated with the

high school and recruited players to form a B team for the summer.

This year, Hendrickson had 15 players from Agawam’s freshmen team and another 10 incoming freshmen and took on a lot of teams that were much more experienced than Agawam. He’s not concerned about wins and losses, but about giving these players the experience they needed to have a good fall.

“If you go to tryouts in late August, you have about two days to show the coach what you can do,” said Hendrickson. “You’re not going to be able to give it your best if you have not touched the ball all summer.”

Agawam’s B squad played to a 1-8-2 victory, but Hendrickson said the experienced gained during the summer team is invaluable.

“These kids are playing against a lot of more experienced teams,” said Hendrickson. “Some of them are varsity teams for smaller

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Sports

Brownies set to hit gridiron

Set to host four games at Harmon Smith Field

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Under the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's new playoff format, the Agawam High School varsity football team has always been playing in a game that matters.

They hope that will continue this year as they have booked their varsity schedule for this season.

Gone from speculation is where Agawam will play, as their current varsity field at Harmon A. Smith Field will remain intact for the fall.

A proposed renovation project which would bring a new multi-purpose artificial turf stadium has been delayed a year. Construction will now start next spring and likely be completed before the next football season.

For several months, it appeared, some or all of Agawam's games would be played somewhere else.

Now, Agawam will play at least four games in front of the home crowd, beginning on Sept. 11 with an independent opener against Minnechaug Regional High School.

Agawam will be playing Minnechaug for the first time in three years. Agawam and Minnechaug were regular opponents in the AA Conference for several years. Agawam moved into the Suburban Conference two years ago.

Agawam's conference schedule starts with a rare Saturday game on Sept. 19 against Chicopee High School. Agawam has dominated Chicopee for the past two years.

That will be followed by a game at Commerce on Sept. 25, home against Amherst

Regional on Oct. 2, a bye week currently scheduled for Oct. 9, home against South Hadley on Oct. 16, at Chicopee Comp on Oct. 23, and at Northampton on Oct. 30.

The playoffs are then scheduled to begin on Nov. 6, with the Division 4 semifinals. The Division 4 finals would likely be held on Nov. 13.

Agawam has been to the Division 4 finals for the past two seasons. In 2013, the Brownies had a perfect 8-0 record, including an independent win over powerful Longmeadow. Agawam would fall finally against Wahconah Regional.

Déjà vu then happened last season as Agawam battled to another second-seeded finish. The Brownies beat South Hadley in the semifinals and then lost against Wahconah in the sectional championship.

Also scheduled for this season is Agawam's annual matchup on Thanksgiving against rival West Springfield. The game is an independent matchup and will be held at Agawam High School this year. Agawam has won the last three matchups against their rival.

Agawam went 8-3 last season, losing to Longmeadow and Amherst during the regular season and Wahconah in the tournament. Agawam won the Suburban Conference with a 5-1 record. It was their second straight conference title.

Agawam will need to establish new starters in several positions with the graduation of their quarterback, running back, several linemen and defensive secondary players.

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runs and it was 8-3 after four.

The Sharks made a serious comeback in the fifth. After the first out, a walk and a stolen base, another walk and a double steal got runners to second and third. They scored on a triple and that runner scored on another hit. The fourth run came after a stolen base, an error on the throw and another error.

For his part Levesque went 1-for-3 on the day.

The Cardinals went 2-1. They lost their opener 5-3 to the Wolverines, but then beat Frangie, 14-3, and the Sharks 7-5 in the next two. Getting the third seed, the Cardinals beat South Hadley 13-0 and second seeded Wilbraham, 5-4, before facing the Sharks.

The Sharks were also 2-1 in the American League of bracket play. They beat the Wilbraham Falcons, 6-4, and the Chicopee Wolverines, 14-3, before falling to the Car-

dinals, 7-5 in their third game. That got them the fourth seed and in the wild card round, they beat the National League's Van Horn Venom, 13-3. They bested the top seeded Westfield Terminators, 9-2 in the semifinals and met the Cardinals from the American League, the number three team in the finals.

Agawam had teams in the other age groups. The most successful was the Junior Huskies who won the U11 age group with a 5-4 win over Ludlow Tatro. They were 3-0 in the National League. The Agawam Dirt Dots were 0-3 in the U11 National League and failed to qualify. The U15 Agawam team was 1-2 and made the semifinals where they lost to East Longmeadow 13-3.

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ished with a plus-2. He committed three bogeys, but scored himself a birdie on the 13th hole.

His performance was 12 strokes off the pace set by the age 16-18 tournament winner Carter Swanson, of Hebron, Conn.

Noah DeVos, of Feeding Hills, also competed in the tournament and finished with a 92, 17th in division. He had a strong finish, with a birdie and three pars to end his match.

In the boys 13 to 15 age group, several players that will likely be vying for spots on varsity teams throughout the area, completed in the tournament.

Claiming third place was Jonathan Farrell, of Feeding Hills. He completed the course with a card of 79.

Farrell is an incoming freshman at Agawam High School and is hoping to make the varsity team this season.

He said playing at Crestview is good experience for him because it is a difficult course to play.

"I have been playing at this course for a few years," said Farrell. "It's pretty tough. I thought I had a pretty good day."

He says he is working very hard on his putting as he moves toward tryouts for the golf team in a couple of weeks. Farrell is hoping to be a part of what will likely be a younger Brownies team with just a couple of seniors to lead the way.

Farrell fared better near the end of his round, hitting par on four of the last five holes. He bogeyed six of the 18 holes.

Play ball!

LUDLOW - The Agawam Junior Huskies were one of several local teams to compete in the Casagrande Tournament earlier this month.



Infielder Sebastian Gomez (10) has his eyes on this bouncing ball.



Pitcher Nick Henry (32) makes a delivery to home plate.



Infielder Daniel Sciarretta (5) bends down to field a grounder.



Infielder Brad Wohlers (7) watches the ball roll into his glove and then comes up and makes the throw to first base. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



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Park & Rec to sponsor Youth Field Hockey

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 Suffield St., will sponsor a Youth Field Hockey program for girls in grades 1 through 8 for the 2015-2016 school year. Participants will learn the fundamental skills, techniques and strategies of field hockey, while practicing and playing in the program. Girls will be broken into four different divisions:

Grades 1 and 2 Mites; grades 3 and 4, Bantam; grades 5 and 6 Junior; grades 7 and 8, Senior. Early registration for all divisions is until July 31. Cost is \$75 for early registration for Mites and Bantam, \$100 for Junior and Senior. Late registration for all divisions until Aug. 21. Cost is \$100 for

Mites and Bantam and \$125 for Junior and Senior.

Girls will meet from late August through October. Practices are held in the early evenings and games will be played against neighboring communities.

The Mite program will practice on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Sept. 10. Played at Stick Time, this is an opportunity for girls to get involved in field hockey and learn the fundamentals.

Players need to supply their own stick, goggles and mouthpiece.

Registration is underway at the Parks and Recreation office at 1000 Suffield St. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

AHS schedules annual golf tournament

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department will host its 21st annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 26, at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities.

To participate as a major sponsor, golfer or tee sponsor or to donate a raffle prize, contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic office at 413-821-0529 or email dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

Revised Perry Lane Pool hours

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department has announced that the current public swim hours at Perry Lane Pool are Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday, 3:30 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 3:30 to 6 p.m.

These hours are effective through Aug. 21.

Public swim hours from Aug. 22 to 30 are from noon to 5 p.m. daily. The pool will be closed for the year effective Monday, Aug. 31.

West of the River Chamber golf tourney Aug. 17

SOUTHWICK - The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host its 12th annual golf tournament Monday, Aug. 17, at The Ranch, 65 Sunnyside Road.

The cost to golf is \$125 per player, which includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, and dinner. The cost to attend dinner only is \$35.

Tournament sponsors are OMG, Inc., United Bank, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Health New England, Bart Truck Equipment, LLC, Spherion Staffing Services, and Insurance Center of New

England. Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the tournament. For details on sponsorship packages, visit www.westoftheriverchamber.com.

During the tournament's reception and dinner, West of the River Chamber of Commerce will award scholarships to one student from Agawam High, West Springfield High and Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

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schools. Others are junior varsity teams for larger schools."

Hendrickson said the first two games were against Ludlow's junior varsity team and the varsity team for the Renaissance School. Hendrickson said the games were a wake-up call for the competition his players will be facing as they advance in high school.

With his boys advancing towards the varsity program and the A team coach likely advancing, Hendrickson says he believes he will possibly be coaching the A squad next summer. He does hope the B team

will continue. He believes it is crucial for the numbers Agawam is producing.

"We have a lot of kids in soccer in Agawam," said Hendrickson. "They need a place to play during the summer to get touches on the ball and get in shape. The varsity coach gives them a summer workout packet at the spring meeting. But if the kids are not playing in games, those workouts usually go by the wayside."

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NIGHT OUT ■ from page 10

chusetts State Police's K-9 unit or the use of Jaws of Life tools by Agawam firefighters — and then stayed late to take in a live musical show at the park's band shell.

Agawam resident Francis Cornwell thought National Night Out would be a perfect activity for her two grandsons visiting from out of town. They were watching as Agawam firefighters carefully tore apart an old Honda sedan. Firefighters used Jaws of Life tools to show how the equipment can be effective in helping to rescue accident victims.

"It was important for them to watch the demonstrations and learn what the safety agencies, like the fire and police departments, do," she said. Cornwell called the demonstration "outstanding," adding that the Jaws of Life are "incredible" tools that save lives. "I hope they never have to use them for me or for my grandkids."

Big, red, shiny fire engines are always a favorite attraction for kids, and this year was no exception. Youngsters lined up with their parents to wait for the chance to hop up into the cab of an Agawam Fire Department truck and sit behind the massive steering wheel.

But for Dominic DiTomaso Jr., he couldn't wait to get a look inside one of Agawam's newest police cruisers, a gleaming black-and-white Ford SUV. After his father held him up so the 3 1/2-year-old could peer inside, the youngster had only one word to describe what he saw: "Cool."

MEMA a draw

The trailer housing the emergency operations center for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency was a big draw this year. Equipped with Internet, cellular and satellite capabilities, as well as other equipment, MEMA's new field "response support" trailer functions as command center during emergencies or natural disasters.

Agawam resident Rich Gamelli arrived at the MEMA trailer immediately from his shift as a TSA officer at Bradley International Airport.

"This NNO event is in my backyard, so I wanted to check out the exhibits and demonstrations," he said. "It's wonderful that the town has this event."

As the sun began to set and National Night Out wound down, the band Steppin' Out took to the stage to provide some musical entertainment as part of the town's SummerFest series. The free concert — featuring music from the 1940s to today's current hits — continued to build on the positive atmosphere.

Judi Trevethan said she was looking forward to enjoying the music with her daughter Emma, 8, and some friends. Before settling down to listen to the band, she and Emma briefly checked out some of the National Night Out exhibits.

"It was fantastic," said Trevethan. "It gave me a great sense of comfort about those protecting us. NNO is a great way for people in Agawam to connect with the first responders in town and in the area."



Agawam Police Chief Eric Gillis talks with Ryan Flynn, 8, right, and his brother Nicholas, 6. Looking on is their grandfather, Fred Stratton. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

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Friday, Aug. 14

FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE NIGHT at School Street Park. Balloon games at 7 p.m. followed by the Airborne Comedians at 7:30 p.m. and the Sponge Bob – Sponge Out of Water movie starting at 8:30 p.m. on a 40-foot screen. Popcorn, ice cream and beverages available for purchase. Free to the public. In case of inclement weather, call the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department at 413-821-0514.

Saturday, Aug. 15

TOM KNIGHT PUPPET SHOW at North Hall, 40 Searle Road, Huntington at 11 a.m. Original songs and skits with handmade puppets, for families and young children. Reception. Art Gallery open. Free for kids and adults. Open seating. Wheelchair access, air-conditioned.

Monday, Aug. 17

The Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will host a 45-minutes free seminar titled, “Turn Your Home’s Clutter Into Cash” at 1 p.m. To register, call Raymond Rose at 413-530-2186 and leave a voicemail or email RaymondRose@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

THE MOMS CLUB of West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick and Westfield will hold its monthly MOMS Mixer from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Springfield Library, 511 Main St.

Moms are encouraged to bring the kids. Participants will get a sneak peek at the events planned for the reset of the summer as well as the opportunity to see September’s calendar.

THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield, will host a performance of bluegrass music by the Russell Mountain Boys at 6 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

KEN FEDER PRESENTS A LIVING HISTORY LECTURE, “How to Perpetrate an Archeological Fraud,” at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature “Big Hero 6” beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit CLC413.com.

Thursday, Aug. 20

THE NEWTOWN KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place today through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

THE NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW takes place today through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Friday, Aug. 21

THE NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Sunday, Aug. 23

THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield, will host a performance of favorites by the Cory and the Knightsmen Band at 6 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature “Home” beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit CLC413.com.

Sunday, Aug. 30

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

Thursday, Aug. 27

THE FIRST TIME BUS RIDERS PROGRAM hosted by the Agawam Junior Women’s Club will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Children will meet the Agawam safety officer and take a short ride on a school bus around the high school parking lot. Register at www.agawamlibrary.org or call 413-789-1550. For more information, call Christina Beauchemin at 413-427-8784.

THE CONN. RIVER ARABIAN ASSOC. championship horse show takes place from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Thursday, Sept. 3

A COMMUNITY PICNIC will take place from 4-7 p.m. at Country Estates, a Kindred Healthcare transitional and rehabilitation facility, 1200 Suffield St., Agawam. Free iris scans for children, live music, bounce house, and a full picnic spread. To make a reservation, call Jennifer Payette, director of admissions, at 413-726-1703 by Aug. 22.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Friday, Sept. 11

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL’S APPLAUSE SERIES gets underway at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. at 7 p.m. with a concert of “Hits of the American Songbook” performed by Dan Kane & Friends.

Saturday, Sept. 12

CUB SCOUT PACK 118 in Southwick will hold a bottle and can drive from 9 a.m. to noon at the Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway. The Pack will also be selling different flavors of popcorn as its yearly fundraiser. For more information, call Jenn Schmidt at 413-575-9458.

Sunday, Sept. 13

THE OLD COUNTRY ROAD BAND will perform country and blues music at 2 p.m. at North Hall, 40 Searle Road, Huntington. Open seating. \$10 at the door; students

free. Wheelchair-access, air-conditioned. For more information, call 413-667-5543 or visit www.northhall-huntington.org.

Sunday, Sept. 20

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY WITH KNOTTY PINE ANTIQUES from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

Sunday, Oct. 4

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

AGAWAM PARANORMAL PROGRAM at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321

ONGOING

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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Aug. 17: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, peaches.
Tuesday, Aug. 18: Caesar salad topped with grilled children, garlic breadstick, apricots.
Wednesday, Aug. 19: Mushroom and onion burger, coleslaw, lettuce and tomato, pudding.
Thursday, Aug. 20: Roast pork, apple cranberry stuffing, roasted carrots, baked good.
Friday, Aug. 21: Sweet potato-crusteds cod, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Aug. 17: art show, Veterans Hall; 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; mindful meditation (no reike).

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers “Crochet Club” every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN’S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or on-line at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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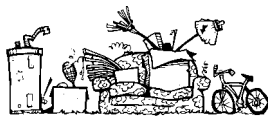
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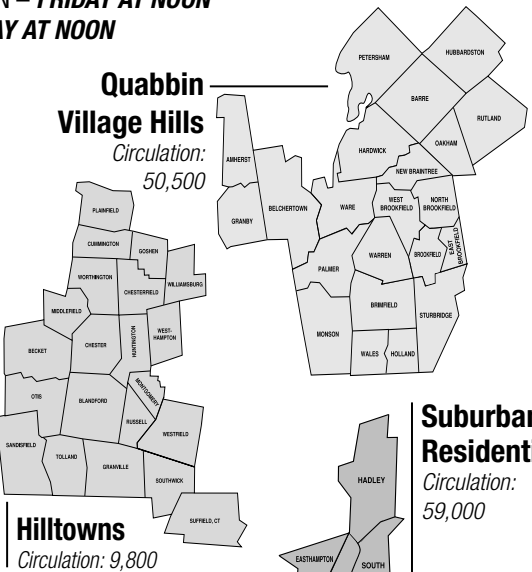
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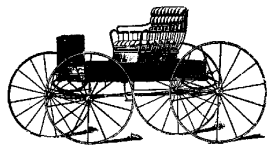
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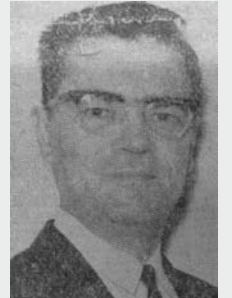
After the demonstrations and displays at National Night Out on Aug. 4, the band Steppin' Out took to the amphitheater at School Street Park for a free concert. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Agawam resident Judi Trevethan and her daughter Emma, 8, enjoy some time together while listening to the band.

Are You Old News?



Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to aan@turley.com. Please include your first and last name.



Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Raymond Charest were Paul Zymba, Colleen Dalton, David S. Charest, Donna Charest, Barbara Charest are Fran Leclerc.

PROMOTED

Ferreira a major in Salvation Army

SPRINGFIELD — The Salvation Army of Greater Springfield, which has been delivering services and hope to the less fortunate in Massachusetts for more than 125 years, this week announced that officer John Ferreira, an Agawam resident, has been promoted to the rank of major after 15 years of service. Prior to his promotion, Ferreira held the rank of captain in the Springfield corps. Upon completion of a two-year residential training course and ordination as an officer, a cadet becomes a lieutenant in the Salvation Army. After five years of service, he or she becomes a captain and after 15 years, a major.



"It is humbling to be able to mark my 15th year with the Salvation Army with the change in rank from captain to major," said Ferreira, who oversees the Springfield citadel along with his wife, Major Ronda J. Ferreira. "I have dedicated a significant portion of my life to helping others though the Salvation Army and I consider myself blessed for the opportunity."

Ferreira is a graduate of the Salvation Army School for Officer Training Seminary. He was ordained and commissioned as an officer (minister) in June 2000. Originally from Vermont, Ferreira and his wife were transferred in 2012 to the Salvation Army on Pearl Street in Springfield from the Trenton, N.J., Salvation Army, where they were commanders. They currently reside in Agawam with their son John, 12.

For more information about the Salvation Army of Greater Springfield, visit springfield.salvationarmyma.org.

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Health fair at Quail Run next weekend

Quail Run Estates will hold a health fair on Aug. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Vendors will be available throughout that time to answer questions and showcase the services they have available for older adults.

Many different local health care services will be represented, from home health aides to dental programs and life coaches. The fair will take place at 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam. Parking is free.

"Part of our goal at Quail Run Estates," said Kristie Pochler, the community's sales leader, "is to provide all the resources we can so that our current and future residents have what they need to remain feeling active and independent."

Quail Run Estates, a Holiday Retirement Community, will also have information on hand about available apartments, features and amenities of the community, and the move-in process throughout the event.

Directions and further information are available by calling 413-786-9688.

Family fun, movie night at School St. Park

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department and the Agawam YMCA will host Family Fun and Movie Night at School Street Park Friday, Aug. 14.

At 7 p.m., the YMCA will run balloon games followed by the Airborne Comedians at 7:30 p.m. and the Sponge-Bob "Sponge Out of Water" movie starting at 8:30 p.m. on a 40-foot screen.

The Agawam Rotary Club will be on site selling popcorn, ice cream and beverages. This is a free event. In case of inclement weather, call the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department at 413-821-0514.

ENGAGED



Alana Wenick and Michael Theriault

Wenick, Theriault to wed

Alana Wenick, daughter of Diane and Rob Wenick of Newtown, Conn., and Michael Theriault, son of Ann and Michael Theriault of Feeding Hills, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be graduated from Newtown High School in 2006. She then graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in English. She is an English teacher at West Bronx Academy in Bronx, N.Y.

The future groom graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield in 2006, and then from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2001. He is currently a fourth-year medical student at New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y.

Michael and Alana are planning a June wedding.

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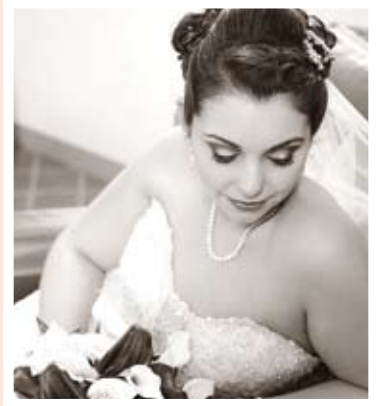
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